

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of SHEENA JANESE WILLIAMS  
and SHEILA CHRISTINE CARTER, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DELLA MAE CARTER,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 243066

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 93-309756

Before: Zahra, P.J., and Talbot and Owens, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that petitioner made reasonable efforts to reunite respondent with the children. MCL 712A.18f(4). Contrary to respondent's argument, petitioner presented testimony that the foster care specialist provided three referrals to respondent for drug treatment and informed respondent both in writing and on the telephone that she was required to submit verification of legal employment. Petitioner presented further evidence that the foster care specialist did not visit the home into which respondent moved in October 2001 because, by that time, it was clear that petitioner would be seeking permanent custody of the children. Under these circumstances, we find no clear error in the trial court's finding that petitioner made reasonable efforts to reunite respondent with her children.

Furthermore, the record does not support respondent's argument that she substantially complied with the treatment plan. The record contains overwhelming evidence to support the trial court's finding that respondent did not comply with the treatment plan. Similarly, respondent's argument that she should have been given more time to comply with the plan is without merit. The children had been made court wards three times since 1993 due to respondent's substance abuse. At the time of the termination hearing, the children had most recently been court wards for almost twenty months, yet respondent still had not completed a drug treatment program. We find no error in the trial court's decision.

Affirmed.

/s/ Brian K. Zahra  
/s/ Michael J. Talbot  
/s/ Donald S. Owens